

April 19, 1977

LB 40, 41, 290,
407, 52, 460,

CLERK: 26 ayes, 9 nays on motion to advance.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: LB 41 is advanced to E & R initial.

CLERK: Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee gives notice of an executive session at 3:00 o'clock under the North balcony. Signed, Senator DeCamp. Mr. President, Senator Bereuter asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 40 in the Legislative Journal, no, not Senator Bereuter, Senator Barnett. Then also Senator George has an amendment to the Barnett amendment which will be printed. Senator Labeledz asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 290. Mr. President, your Revenue Committee, to whom was referred LB 407, instructs me to report the same to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File as amended. Signed, Senator Keyes. Agriculture and Environment refers LB 52 to General File as amended, and LB 460 to General File as amended. Signed, Senator Schmit.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Anything further?

CLERK: (Read Warner motion found on page 1514 of the Journal).

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Warner. Senator Warner, before you do, could I introduce ... just before they're leaving up here, the 46 sixth, seventh and eighth graders from St. Edwards Junior High in St. Edward, Nebraska, two teachers, two parents, in Senator Dworak's district. Would you folks be recognized. Welcome to your Legislature. Chair now recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, the purpose of the motion is solely one of trying to directly request the Department of Revenue to give us some revised estimates. It was my impression, from reading the papers in addition to the comments that were made by Mr. Peters and we asked him to meet, on fairly short notice, with the Appropriations Committee last Thursday, that when the receipts from the income taxes, due on April 15th, had been compiled, and they would have been compiled, most of them should be through, or in tomorrow, that would give a better indication of what the revenue picture might be. Since appropriation bills will be under discussion, it seems to me that if the body could have some revision, if they intend to make one, by then it would certainly be an assistance in the orderly consideration of amendments and the bills themselves as they now stand on General File. It seems to me that if the revenue projections are to be significantly reduced then we are going to perhaps have to look at the possibility of where adjustments can be made downward. Obviously, if the receipts are improving, the picture looks brighter, then it will have an impact upon the amendments to the appropriation bills, or even the passage, as they now stand. This is an attempt to directly request the Department to provide information to us. If they cannot do it I assume they'll come back and tell us so. But I don't think it's going to lead to orderly consideration of the appropriation bills unless we can have that information as soon as possible.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.